



Dear Members of the Coppell Faith Community,

I hope this correspondence finds you well. As you may already be aware, during the 84th Session of the Texas Legislature, our State Congress enacted House Bill 910 authorizing individuals to obtain a license to openly carry a handgun in the same places that allow the licensed carrying of a concealed handgun with some exception. This act is effective January 1, 2016. Previously the law had only allowed individuals to carry handguns as long as they were concealed. Although there are some exceptions stated in the law as to places where handguns are not allowed, places of worship are not included in those exceptions.

If you choose to not allow handguns, whether concealed or carried in the open, you must post signage indicating so. Private businesses may post signs to indicate entry on the property with a handgun by a license holder is forbidden. Penal Code Section 30.06 provides the language to be included on signs to indicate license holders are forbidden to carry concealed. Penal Code Section 30.07 provides the language to be included on signs to indicate license holders are forbidden to open carry. Posting of both signs is an indication by the business that license holders are forbidden to carry concealed or openly.

The sign(s) must be in both English and Spanish, must be in contrasting colors, with block letters at least one inch in height and displayed in a conspicuous manner clearly visible to the public at each entrance to the property. A sample of the required sign is attached.

If you need assistance and do not have an attorney, we would be happy to assist you with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mac Tristan
Chief of Police
Coppell Police Department

TEXAS PENAL CODE 30.07:

"PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.07, PENAL CODE (TRESPASS BY LICENSE HOLDER WITH AN OPENLY CARRIED HANDGUN), A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411, GOVERNMENT CODE (HANDGUN LICENSING LAW), MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A HANDGUN THAT IS CARRIED OPENLY."

CÓDIGO PENAL DE TEXAS 30.07:

"DE CONFORMIDAD CON EL ARTÍCULO 30.07 DEL CÓDIGO PENAL DE TEXAS (SOBRE EL INGRESO ILÍCITO DE UN INDIVIDUO CON LICENCIA DE PORTACIÓN DE ARMAS CORTAS EXHIBIDAS PÚBLICAMENTE) UNA PERSONA CON LICENCIA, SEGÚN LO ESTABLECIDO EN LA SECCIÓN H, CAPÍTULO 411, DEL CÓDIGO GUBERNAMENTAL DE TEXAS (SOBRE LA LEY DE EXPEDICIÓN DE LICENCIA DE ARMAS CORTAS), TIENE PROHIBIDO INGRESAR EN ESTA PROPIEDAD CON ARMAS CORTAS EXHIBIDAS PÚBLICAMENTE."